Remarks

The claims have been amended to place them in condition for allowance. Claim 1 was amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 4, and claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2, 5-9 are all allowable. Claim 10 has been amended to specifically claim the structure of the plate that is used to move the slider between the first position and the second position. None of the cited prior art references disclose a plate having a first end secured to the vehicle and a second end secured to the vehicle and an opening formed between the first and second ends, where a portion of the slider extends through the opening and engages the plate through the edges of this opening. This is a unique structure for engaging the slider mechanism and claim 10 is allowable over the prior art. Claims 12-18 are dependent therefrom and are allowable for the same reasons.

Claim 19 has also been amended to specifically claim the plate feature and, in particular, the feature that the plate has an opening having a width at one end that is wider than the width at the second end, wherein a portion of the slider member extends through the opening. Again, none of the cited art references depict this specific arrangement or have anything that is similar thereto. Therefore, claim 19 and its dependent claims 20-22 are also allowable.

Claims 23-29 have been added to more completely claim this invention. New claim 23 is directed to the same plate feature as set forth in claim 1. The Examiner has previously indicated that this structure is not shown in the prior art and it is believed that claim 23 should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 1. New independent claim 29 is also allowable, as it claims the plate structure in a manner similar to that in claim 10 and specifically claims the opening between the first end and the second end, where a portion of the slider extends through

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the opening and engages the plate through the edges thereof. Again, this structure is not shown in any of the prior art references and it is believed that claim 29 is therefore allowable.

Finally, claims 7, 8, 16 and 17 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors to eliminate the §112 problem that the Examiner noted. It is believed that all of these claims are allowable.

It is believed that Applicant has addressed all of the outstanding matters and it is requested that this application be granted a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible date. Please contact the undersigned attorney if there are any questions.

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